

BARNFIELD HOUSE,

STONECLOUGH,

Nr. MANCHESTER,

February 9th, 1899.

*To the Chairman and Members of the
Kearsley District Council.*

GENTLEMEN,

The number of Deaths registered in your district during 1898 was 160, being at the rate of 16·66 per 1000 per annum, against 15·46 in 1897 and 21·17 in 1896. The highest numbers were 20 in September and 18 in April, and the lowest, 7 in February and 8 in November. Bronchitis and other diseases of the lungs are the chief causes, giving 34 against 29 and 37 in the two previous years. Congenital Debility caused 21 against 20 and 28. Heart Disease was more destructive than usual, causing 12 deaths in place of 6 the year before ; Diarrhœa ditto, causing 10 in place of 7 ; and also Typhoid, giving 9 in place of 2. Consumption on the other hand was less prevalent, causing only 8 deaths instead of 12. Whooping Cough caused 3 against none, and Injuries 2 in place of 4. Fifty-eight Deaths occurred under 1, 13 between 1 and 5, 5 between 5 and 15, 11 between 15 and 25, 47 between 25 and 65, and 26 over that age. Except for children under one, where there is a large excess, these figures are much as in 1897.

The rate for children under one to every 1000 born in the district is 196·6 in place of 153·2 in 1897, and 216·5 in 1896. This is again too high and is due in great part to improper feeding and mothers leaving their children when very young to work in the

TABLE

TABLE OF DEATHS during the Year 1898, in
according to Diseases

NAMES OF LOCALITIES.	MORTALITY FROM ALL CAUSES AT SUBJOINED AGES.							MORTALITY FROM SPECIFIC DISEASES.					
	At all Ages.	Under 1 Year.	1 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 65	65 and up- wards	Small-pox	Scarlatina	Diphtheria	Membranous Croup	Congenital	
								1	2	3	4	5	
KEARSLEY..	160	58	13	5	11	47	26	Under 5 5 upwds.	..	..	..	..	..

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Urban Sanitary District of Kearsley, classified
and Ages.

FROM SUBJOINED CAUSES, DISTINGUISHING DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE,

FEVERS.			Cholera	Erysipelas	Measles	Whooping Cough	Diarrhoea and Dysentery	Rheumatic Fever	Ague	Phthisis	Bronchitis, Pneumonia & Pleurisy	Heart Disease	Injuries	All other Diseases	Total
Continued	Relapsing	Puerperal													
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
..	..	..	..	..	..	3	9	..	..	..	17	..	1	20	71
..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	8	17	12	1	40	89

Mills. The Zymotic rate from the seven principal contagious diseases is also not so good as in the previous year being 2·29 in place of 1·7. It was however 2·8 in 1896. The higher rate is due to the Diarrhœa in children which prevailed in the Autumn, and to the Typhoid from which we have never been quite free.

The Births registered during the year were 295, 141 male, and 154 female, against 274 and 254 in the previous years. This gives a rate of 30·7 per 1000 and an excess of Births over Deaths of 135.

The above statistics may be considered fairly good. The most unfavourable is that relating to the deaths of children and over this you have little direct control. I am glad to say that several of my usual causes of complaints have been removed. The Infectious Disease (Notification) Act has been adopted. Hospital accommodation has been supplied, but hardly to a sufficient extent, and not yet for Small-pox cases of which I believe, as the result of recent legislation, we shall in a few years have an immense number. The Ash-pits have been better emptied, but many of them are still in a very dilapidated and dangerous condition, allowing their contents to saturate the surrounding soil. Some of the worst streets have been taken in hand as regards seweraging and paving. Many others require the same attention but I believe the Local Government Board block the way.

I remain,

Yours truly,

J. C. EAMES, M.D.